

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
MUNICIPALITÉ RÉGIONALE D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

REPORT
RAPPORT

Our File/N/Réf. 03 07-98-0095
Your File/V/Réf.

DATE 13 August 1998

TO/DEST. Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP. Co-ordinator, Transportation Committee

SUBJECT/OBJET **REDUCTION OF SULPHUR CONTENT IN GASOLINE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

On 12 August 1998, Regional Council received the attached communication dated 9 July 1998 from the City of Mississauga.

Councillor Holmes requested that the letter be referred to the Transportation Committee for discussion.

*Approved by
Rosemary Nelson*

att.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

OTTAWA CARLETON OFFICE OF THE CHAIR	
Received JUL 20 1998	
FILE #	00-98-0010
DOC I.D. #	98-1484
ACTION TAKEN	To Council ✓
TO	88

July 9, 1998
Our File: Q.01.08

The Honourable Christine Stewart, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment
28th Floor
Terrasses de la Chaudiere
10 Wellington Street
Hull, Quebec
K1A 0H3

Dear Madam Minister:

Re: Reduction of Sulphur Content in Gasoline

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, at its meeting of June 24, 1998, passed Resolution 189-98 respecting the reduction of sulphur content in gasoline, and has requested that this information be forwarded to you for your endorsement.

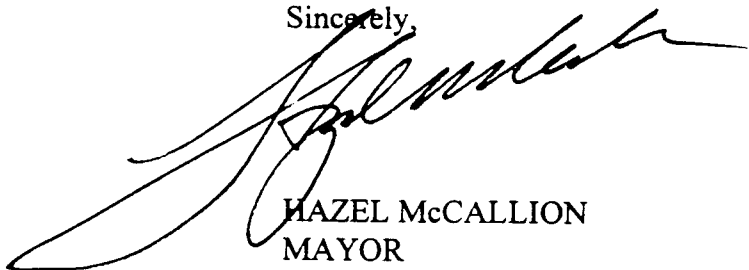
This Resolution was passed on the recommendation of the Mississauga Air Quality Advisory Committee who are concerned about the link between high levels of smog and ground level ozone and the adverse health effects which result. A significant portion of these pollutants are caused by motor vehicles, and there is widespread concern that Canadian gasoline used by such vehicles has the highest average level of smog-causing sulphur among major developed economies despite a reduction of international sulphur levels, and that the gasoline refined by Ontario producers is the dirtiest in Canada.

A copy of Resolution 189-98 is enclosed for your reference.

We urge your government to enact measures to meaningfully reduce the sulphur content of Canadian gasoline.

We look forward to working with you and all other interested parties to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel McCallion', written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the left and under the signature.

HAZEL McCALLION
MAYOR

/cot

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities (Population >100,000)
Mississauga MPs
Region of Peel MPPs
Peel District School Board
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board

Enc. Resolution 189-98



RESOLUTION NO: 189-98 Page 1 of 3

June 24, 1998

Date: _____

MG.11.MIS

File: _____

Moved by: David J. Culham

Seconded by: W. Mitchell

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of people in southern Ontario are exposed to levels of smog and ground level ozone, especially in summer, which has been linked to adverse health effects including, but not limited to, decreases in lung function, respiratory related health impacts, increased hospital admissions and premature death; and

WHEREAS motor vehicles are responsible for a significant portion of these pollutants; and

WHEREAS sulphur appears to be a critical element in determining the amount of air pollution gasoline produces when used, leading to increased amounts of smog-causing nitrogen oxides and sulphate particles; and

WHEREAS Canadian gasoline has the highest average level of smog-causing sulphur among major developed economies; and

WHEREAS the gasoline refined by Ontario producers is the dirtiest in Canada; and

WHEREAS international sulphur levels have been declining while this pollutant in Ontario gasoline has been increasing;

CARRIED
.....
MAYOR



RESOLUTION NO: 189-98 Page 2 of 2

Date: June 24, 1998

File: MG.11.MIS

Moved by: "D. Leatham"

Seconded by: "P. Muller"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Mississauga request the federal and provincial governments to enact measures to meaningfully reduce the sulphur content of Canadian gasoline;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to local M.P.'s, M.P.P.'s, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, municipalities in southern Ontario for endorsement, Environment Canada, the Ministry of the Environment, gas refineries and oil companies in Ontario.

